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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request #EPA-R9-2014-007679

Dear Mr. Adkins:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request of June 20, 2014, in which you requested copies of all email correspondence between EPA Region IX and any other EPA staff, and between EPA Region IX staff and any third parties, including personal email account correspondence, regarding 1) the biomass-fired power plant located at 200 Taylor Way in Blue Lake, California; or 2) Blue Lake Power, LLC, or its predecessors and owners Renewable Energy Providers, Inc., and Ultrapower 3. Your request covers electronic correspondence dated, sent, and/or received between January 1, 1985 and June 15, 2014.

Pursuant to the conversation between you and Mark Sims of EPA Region IX on July 29, 2014, which was memorialized in an email from Mark Sims to you on the same day, the scope of your request was narrowed to exclude documents already produced in response to your previous FOIA request (EPA-R9-2014-004671). However, some documents duplicative of the previous FOIA request are provided here. In addition, pursuant to your email on August 22, 2014, the scope of your request was narrowed to include only email correspondence dated by, sent to and/or received by the following EPA Region IX employees: Jared Blumenfeld, Gerardo Rios, Manny Aquitania, Mark Sims, Roger Kohn, John Borton, Matt Salazar and Geoffrey Glass.

We previously provided you with some of the documents responsive to your request. Enclosed are copies of the remaining documents responsive to your request.

We are unable to provide you with documents that have been determined to be exempt from mandatory disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), (5), (6) and/or (7). An itemized list of the withheld material along with the basis for withholding is enclosed.

You may appeal this partial denial to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), FAX: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov). Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later

than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal may include as much or as little related information as you wish, as long as it clearly identifies the determination being appealed and includes the assigned FOIA request number - EPA-R9-2014-007679. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions, please contact Xiao Zhang of the Office of Regional Counsel at (415) 972-3266.

Sincerely,



Kathleen H. Johnson  
Director, Enforcement Division

Enclosures